

FORM B - BUILDING

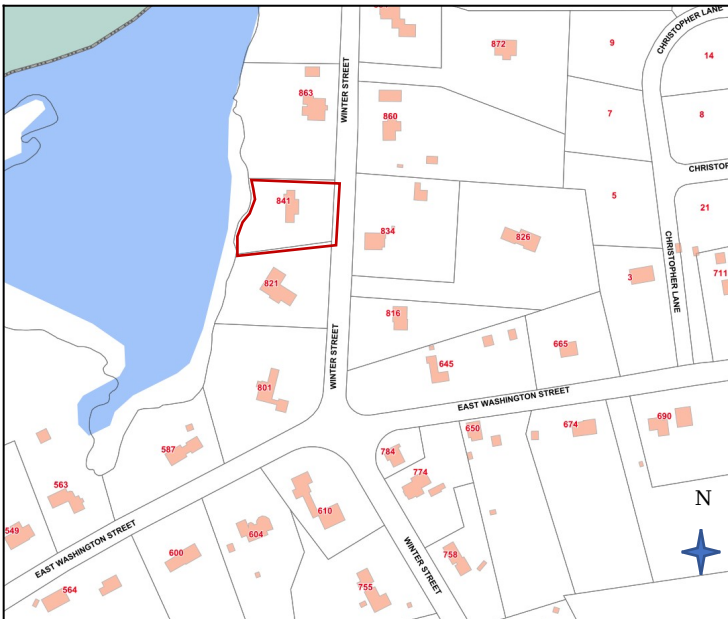
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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Hanson

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Address: 841 Winter Street

Historic Name: Marion Mann House

Uses: Present: Single-Family
Residential
Original: Single-Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1963

Source: Allan Clemons, Town Historian

Style/Form: Post-WWII Traditional/Cape

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingle, Wood
Clapboard/Wood

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

None

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Replacement
wood windows

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ **yes** ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .71 Acres

Setting: Located on one of Hanson's main thoroughfares between a major intersection to the south, the town line with Hanover to the north, on the shores of a large pond in an open area of predominantly single-family homes on large lots which includes grass lawns and numerous mature trees, bushes, and other vegetation.

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The one-and-a-half story Post-WWII Traditional/Cape style house has retained its original rectangular form and simple detailing under a large asphalt shingled gable roof with lower, gable roofed one-story additions on both the north and south gable-end facades. A wide, squat brick chimney straddles the center of the gable roof's ridge and a short wood louvered cupola topped by a metal weathervane is centered on the addition to the north gable-end façade. The eaves project out only slightly beyond the gable facades of the building and end flush with the gable-end facades, where a band of flat wood trim decorates the outer edges of the pediment, ending in short, box style eaves. The house is wood clapboard sided on the street facing east façade and wood shingle sided on its rear and side facades. The double hung windows are predominantly twelve-over-twelve replacement wood windows which appear to have retained their original wood frames and slightly projecting sills. All of the windows on the east façade are also flanked by wood shutters installed on working hardware.

The house is located at the center of the site with a pond to the west and the street to the east. The east façade is symmetrical with two double hung windows on either side of the center entrance. The door is a vertical wood board door and has no decorative frame or detailing, opening onto a low granite step and walkway which runs east to the driveway. On the south gable-end, a single window is located in the pediment and on the first floor to the right of the addition which is set into the southwest corner of the façade. The addition is detailed to match the original house and has two double hung windows on its east façade with a large, rectangular trellis installed on the wall in between. Another double hung window is centered on the addition's south façade with a solid vertical wood board door to its right. On the north gable-end, the addition is also located in the rear corner of the façade and a window is visible on each floor of the original gable-end to its left. This addition houses a one-car garage and side entry. A single carriage house style replacement garage door with eight panes of glass across its upper edge is located in the right corner of the façade. To its left, the side entrance is hidden behind a wood storm door. A single double hung window is also centered on the north façade of this addition.

The house is located at the center of an open grass lawn which is level between the house and the street but slopes down significantly to the west of the house towards the pond. Mature trees are located in the yard to the north and south of the house, and foundation plantings surround its east façade and front walk. The asphalt paved driveway extends from the road to the garage, with a semi-circular loop in front of the original house to the south. A stone garden and planting area is located at the center of the driveway adjacent to the street.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The current house is a reproduction of the original house built in 1832 for Job Luther, who had moved to Hanson to run a cotton factory which opened in 1830 on the mill pond to the northwest of the house, on a lot subdivided from 863 Winter Street. Job Luther (1796-1865) was born in Swansea to Theophilus Luther and Zipha Sherman Luther. He married Lucy Josselyn (1804-1892) in Hanson in 1824 and appears to have moved to Hanson, and lived on Winter Street, for some time before White's construction date for the house. A 1827 deed states that

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Luther Job had purchased an undivided interest in the "cotton and woolen factory of Hanson with about eighteen acres of land lying above and below the same factory in Hanson and partially in Hanover...with the building there on to wit the factory building and dwelling house, store and barn, blacksmith shop, dye house, saw mill, and grist mill."¹ The 1830 Smith Plan shows J. Luther as living in a house in this location at that time, and additional deeds for the area refer to the "Factory dwelling house," although it is not clear whether that was an earlier house that Job initially owned and may have lived in before constructing 841 Winter Street, or whether the existing 841 Winter Street is the same building. In either case, Luther and Lucy lived in the house long after their association with the factory itself, which burned down in 1852, and Job is listed in the state and federal censuses for Hanson from 1830 through 1860, appearing as both a shoemaker and a farmer in later years. The 1856 Walling Map shows the house as belonging to J. Luther, and Lucy appears to have remained in the house after his death as the 1879 Walker Atlas shows the house as belonging to Mrs. J. Luther. After Lucy's death, the house passed to Lucy and Job's daughter, Josephine Luther Sears (1835-1912), who had worked as a seamstress before marrying shoemaker Henry W. Sears (1829-1906) in 1876. The 1903 Richards Atlas lists H. Sears as the owner of the house.

After Henry's death, Josephine sold the family house to Henrietta Kenrick in 1908.² Henrietta and George Kenrick, a carpenter, lived in the house for only a few years before selling it in 1912 to Sarah and Herbert Bradford. There is no information on the Bradfords in Hanson, and they may have used the house as a summer home during their ownership of the property. In 1920, the Bradfords sold the house to Sarah and George Best (1867-1934) of Dorchester.³ George Best had immigrated from Canada and worked as a boiler fireman for the hospital in Hanson. After his death, Sarah returned to her family in Connecticut and in 1941 sold the property to Frank and Ezra Philips.⁴ Fred Philips died that same year, and Ezra and his father, Lot Philips, sold the property in 1942 to the Bay State Company. The Company owned the house until 1945, when they sold it to Marion and H. Gordon Mann.⁵ Marion Mann built the existing 841 Winter Street in 1963 following Gordons death. The original house at 863 Winter Street was sold to the Wallace family at that time and Marion Mann lived in the new house until 1972, when she sold it to Charles and Virginia Stearns.⁶ Current owner Michael Nest purchased the property from the Stearns family in 2013.

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² Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1011, Page 341

³ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1355, Page 246

⁴ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1819, Page 187

⁵ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1900, Page 200

⁶ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 3775, Page 235

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